

Foreign Service Limited Position Opportunity - Private Enterprise Office (Market Systems Finance Officer) - FL 1101-02, PD#41008

- **Agency:** U.S. Agency for International Development
- **Organization:** RFS/CA/MSF-Finance Team
- **Location of Position:** Washington DC
- **Open Period:** December 6 – December 27, 2021
- **Appointment Type:** This is an excepted service, time-limited appointment that is not-to-exceed five (5) years
- **Salary:** (USD) \$116,786 - (USD) \$171,504 (annually)
- **Number of Vacancies:** 1

Description of Organization:

This position serves as an Private Enterprise Office (Market Systems Finance Officer) in the Center for Agriculture-Led Growth (CA)'s Market Systems and Finance Division in the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security (RFS). RFS's mission is to partner to advance inclusive agriculture-led growth, resilience, nutrition, and access to water and sanitation to accelerate and protect development progress. RFS oversees four high-level, integrated efforts in support of this mission: (1) Feed the Future, guided by the Global Food Security Strategy (GFSS), (2) the USAID Multi-Sector Nutrition Strategy, (3) the U.S. Global Water Strategy, and (4) efforts to increase resilience to protect development gains. To deliver on this work, RFS partners with other Federal Departments and Agencies, USAID Bureaus and Missions, universities, civil society, and other public- and private-sector actors.

The CA leads the Agency's agriculture work. Through technical assistance, training, and curated learning products, the Center supports USAID Missions' programming, policy, and partnership work in agriculture input systems, production systems, market systems, and finance. The Center manages global research and analysis investments to generate agriculture innovations and evidence for wide application. Through strategic engagement and partnership, the Center influences global agriculture investments and agendas.

The CA Markets Systems and Finance Division supports the design and implementation of activities that accelerate private investment, improve access to finance, enhance risk-management, and improve the inclusivity, efficiency, resilience, and competitiveness of and facilitate access to local, regional, and international markets.

Description of Position:

The proposed FSL position is a Private Enterprise Officer (Market Systems Finance Officer) in the RFS Center for Agriculture-Led Growth, providing technical advice, stakeholder engagement, and program management around finance activities to the entire bureau. RFS's work in finance goes beyond agriculture, innovative finance and individual transactions and there is a need to increase our expertise in areas such as policy, climate resilient agriculture, and commercializing innovations. With these objectives in mind, it is necessary to fill the proposed position expeditiously to provide the needed capacity.

The Private Enterprise Officer (Market Systems Finance Officer) will undertake the following duties and responsibilities:

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE 40%

Provides technical advice to the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security, other Feed the Future agencies, and USAID Mission staff on policy and program issues related to agricultural finance and accessing private capital for agriculture and nutrition investments. Incumbent provides guidance in planning, design, budgeting, implementation, and evaluation of programs. Helps to provide intellectual support and focus to initiate dialogue; generate policy recommendations, interventions, and agency mechanisms; and initiate research activities which will be economically feasible to support sustainable development within the business, commercial, industrial, and micro-industrial areas. Analyzes data and reviews Bureau and field mission activities and provides recommendations for future GFSS strategic programming interventions and/or changes in focus. Serves as a primary contact for backstopping field mission programs in the development, management, implementation, and evaluation of activities and programs related to finance and other forms of private capital for responsible investment in agriculture and nutrition. Maintains regular contact with key mission and host-country personnel and responds to specific requests for assistance.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT 30%

Supports RFS leadership in providing advice and technical assistance to Agency regional bureaus and overseas missions; engages in substantive policy dialogue with host governments, and provides strategies/techniques that allow overseas posts to respond effectively to governments requesting discussions and negotiations on potential USAID assistance. Supports the development and implementation of outreach strategies designed to reach and engage organizations in technology transfer and commercialization efforts. Facilitates collaboration between partners and works collaboratively with representatives of different types of institutions, including government, universities, and the private sector. Represents USAID, and the FTF Initiative on international donor platforms and at other international meetings of stakeholders engaged with technical topics, including agricultural finance, smallholder finance, nutrition finance, and other kinds of innovative finance.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT 30%

Supports the planning, management, and evaluation of technically complex projects related to agricultural finance topics. Curates technical content in support of strategic knowledge management. Plans and/or accomplishes special projects pertaining to innovative finance programs, risk mitigation, access to private capital, and public-private partnerships. Maintains a broad awareness of development in the U.S. legal and financial policy. Incumbent also maintains contacts with U.S. agencies, the private sector, and cooperating country government officials, with the objective of securing their understanding and support of strategies, programs, and partnerships, and of obtaining their inputs to program design and implementation. Communicates effectively in written and oral formats; develops concise, informative reports, briefing materials, and talking points on complex subjects, with short lead times. Reviews draft reports to ensure accuracy, precision, and clarity of presentation of finance issues and data.

Performs other duties as assigned.

Qualifications:

- Must be a U.S. citizen.
- You must have one year of specialized experience equivalent to the next lower grade level (FS-03) of this position. Examples of specialized experience include: Contributing to the design,

analysis, evaluation, and/or implementation of international development programs or strategies, especially those related to agricultural finance. Leading or assisting in project management. Developing or assists in developing program policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards that govern programs, especially those related to agricultural finance.

- Knowledge of and experience in providing strategic direction to a diverse portfolio of agricultural finance activities, with preference for candidates having expertise in one or more of the following areas: 1) agricultural finance policy, 2) climate resilient agriculture, 3) venture capital focused on commercializing agricultural innovations
- BS/BA in finance, business administration, or related relevant field. Masters is preferred but not required.
- Must be eligible to obtain and maintain a secret security clearance.

Interested candidates should submit a:

- Resume/CV;
- A short written statement of interest; and
- Official or unofficial transcripts, if education is noted as a requirement above.

Please submit your application package to {RFSjobs@usaid.gov}. Please use the subject line “**FSL APPLICATION PACKAGE: Private Enterprise Office (Market Systems Finance Officer) - FL 1101-02, PD#41008.**” Application submissions are required **by 11:59 pm (EST), December 27, 2021.** **Packages not submitted by the deadline with the specified subject line—or incomplete packages—will not receive consideration.**

This notice may be used to fill additional vacancies, as the workforce needs of the Bureau may change.

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Any questions concerning this notice may be directed to:

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